

# SPONDYLUS GOEDEROPUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Animal* Tethys.

*Testa* inæquivalvis, rigida.

*Cardo* dentibus duobus recurvis, cum foraminulo intermedio.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1136.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SPONDYLUS testa subaurita spinosa.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1136.

*Gualt. test.* 100. 101. f. A. B.

*Rumph. mus.* t. 47. f. E.

*Regenf. conch.* 16. t. 4. f. 48.

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Adeo inter se generali quadam similitudine commiscuntur *Spondyli* et *Chamæ* genera, (quæ ambo ad genus *Ostræ* proxime accedunt) ut primo visu dubitari fere possit de nonnullis speciebus, sintne ad hoc an ad illud genus referendæ. Nota tamen insignis est ad distinctionem, quæ a *Chamis* *Spondylos* discernit; umbo nempe valvulæ inferioris, qui quasi abscissus seu abrasus superficiem habet complanata. Species præcipua, quam depinximus, spargit se in innumeras varietates quoad colorem et magni-

tudinem. E pulcherrimis speciminibus, quæ in Museo Leveriano asservantur, testam selegimus, cujus ad similitudinem figuram hanc nostram exprimi curavimus.





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## SUBAURICULATED SPONDYLUS.



### GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Animal* allied to a Tethys.

*Shell* of unequal valves, strong.

*Hinge* with two recurved teeth and intermediate hollow.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SPONDYLUS with subauriculated, spinose shell.

*Bonann. recr.* t. 20. 21.

*Seb. mus.* 3. t. 88. f. 1—11.

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The two genera of *Spondylus* and *Chama*, (both nearly allied to that of *Ostrea*,) bear so great a general resemblance to each other, that, in some species, it appears doubtful, at first sight, to which of the two the shell should be most properly referred. One great particularity however always distinguishes the shells of this genus from those of the genus *Chama*; viz. the aspect of the top of the inferior valve, which appears exactly as if sawn or cut away by an instrument, so as to leave a flat surface on that part. The

principal species, or *Spondylus Gæderopus*, here represented, is subject to innumerable varieties in point of size and colour. Among the most elegant of these is the specimen figured, which is copied from a shell in the Leverian Museum.